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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR, OVIP(BONGO OMAR) GB, US

SUBJECT: REPORTED US PRIVATE INVITATION TO BONGO

1. IN CHANCE ENCOUNTER MARCH 28, ITINERANT PARIS- BASED CAMEROONIAN PROFESSOR NAMED THOMAS MELONE SHOWED ME TELEX HE HAD JUST RECEIVED FROM UNNAMED US SOURCE INVITING PRESIDENT BONGO TO VISIT US IN MAY.

2. ACCORDING TO TELEX, INVITATION WOULD COME FROM " AFRICAN-AMERICAN SCHOLARS COUNCIL" AND FROM TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, WITH LATTER OFFERING BONGO HONORARY DEGREE AT MAY 14 CONVOCATION. TELEX IDENTIFIES TSU AS " LEADING BLACK UNIVERSITY" AND INDICATES THAT AASC INVITATION WOULD INCLUDE BOTH BONGO SPEECH ON NIEO AND LUNCHEONWITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUSCUS.

3. MELONE TOLD ME THAT INVITATION HAD NOT YET BEEN BROUGHT TO NOTICE OF BONGO OR GOG, BUT THAT HE PLANNED INFORM THEM IN NEXT DAY OR TWO.

4. COMMENT: MELONE NOT KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND WE HAVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NO WAY OF JUDGING HIS BONA FIDES OR KNOWING HOW HE COMES TO BE INTERMEDIARYIN THIS AFFAIR. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY READING YOU CAN GET AT US END TO PREPARE US IN EVENT INVITATION IS BROUGHT UP IN OFFICIAL CHANNELS. STEIGMAN

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